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Overview

This bill increases state aid for adult basic education.

Adult basic education (ABE) programs provide academic instruction for persons over age 16 who do not attend school. The purpose of the instruction is to enable students to obtain high school diplomas or equivalency certificates.

The Commissioner of Education must approve a district's ABE program. The commissioner may also contract with private nonprofit organizations to provide these programs.

A district or an organization offering an ABE program may charge a sliding fee to program participants.

School districts may use funds from the community education levy and state community education aid for ABE programs. In addition, ABE programs are funded with state aid and federal funds. The total amount from all sources cannot exceed the actual cost of providing adult education programs.

Section

- 1 State total adult basic education aid.** Amends § 124D.531, subd. 1. Removes obsolete language. Sets state total adult basic education aid for fiscal year 2008 at \$75.352 million, plus any amount that is not paid during the previous fiscal year, as a result of certain

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adjustments. The fiscal year 2007 appropriation for adult basic education was \$36.54 million.